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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 1

1. FRG ESTABLISHES "EUROPEAN CABINET"

THE FRG HAS ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A "EUROPEAN CABINET" FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING. THE NEW GROUP, SIMILAR IN FORM TO THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE "ECONOMIC CABINET," WILL HAVE AS ITS MANDATE RELATIONS WITH EAST EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA IN ADDITION TO WESTERN EUROPEAN RELATIONS IN THE EC. A FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY BONN THAT THE INITIAL DECISION ON THE COMMITTEE WAS TAKEN AFTER LAST NOVEMBER'S ELECTIONS, AND ADDED THAT THE SDP/FDP SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD
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USE OF THE NEW GROUP'S CREATION TO DEFLECT OPPOSITION

CRITICISM OF INSUFFICIENT GOVERNMENT EMPHASIS ON WESTERN
EUROPEAN POLICY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BONN 13595, 9/20.

2. MYTH OF THE CHINA MARKET?

COMMENTS BY POMPIDOU DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE
PRC SUGGEST CONTINUED FRENCH DISSATISFACTION WITH THE
STATE OF BILATERAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, COMMENTS CONSULATE
GENERAL HONG KONG. TRADE HAS NEVER SATISFIED FRENCH
EXPECTATIONS, AND DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY IN 1972 WHEN THE

FRENCH RAN A DOLLARS \$46.8 MILLION DEFICIT. SALES THIS
YEAR, HOWEVER, WHICH INCLUDE A CHEMICAL PLANT (DOLLARS
\$59.5 MILLION); 1000 TRUCKS (DOLLARS \$28.6 MILLION), AND
TWO HYDROELECTRIC TURBO-GENERATORS (DOLLARS \$12 MILLION),
PLUS THE POSITIVE TONE OF THE COMMUNIQUE, AUGUR WELL
FOR AN INCREASE IN FRENCH EXPORTS THIS YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL)
HONG KONG 9410, 9/19.

3. HARMEL VIEWS ON US-EC RELATIONS

BELGIAN MINISTER OF STATE HARMEL CALLED ON AMBASSADOR
STRAUSZ-HUPE TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE COPENHAGEN EC MEETING. HARMEL SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY
THAT EUROPEAN AGREEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED ON A JOINT
STATEMENT THAT WOULD MERGE THE PRINCIPLES AND GOALS OF THE
US-EC RELATIONSHIP AND THOSE OF NATO. HARMEL SAID THE
US SHOULD BE CONTENT WITH TWO SEPARATE DOCUMENTS. THOUGH
A SEPARATE NATO DECLARATION MIGHT TEMPORARILY COMPLICATE
SOME ASPECTS OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, HARMEL URGED
THAT WE SHOULD MAKE OUR NON-EC/NATO ALLIES UNDERSTAND
THAT THE IMPLICIT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EC
(ANCHORING THE FRG IN THE DEMOCRATIC WEST), SERVED THE
BEST INTEREST OF NATO, AND HENCE THEIR INTERESTS AS WELL.
(CONFIDENTIAL) BRUSSELS 5350, 9/20.

4. LITTLE EC PROGRESS ON ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

AS THE SEPTEMBER 20 EC COUNCIL (FOREIGN MINISTERS)
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OPENS, IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT TO REACH
AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY'S GATT
ARTICLE XXIV:6 OFFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES. MEANWHILE, IN
THE WORKING GROUP, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON SLIGHTLY
MORE THAN HALF OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED LIST OF ITEMS.
THE FRENCH--AS EXPECTED--HAVE SHOWN A TOUGH ATTITUDE
ON PRODUCTS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO THE US, OPPOSING THE
PROPOSED CONCESSIONS ON TOBACCO, KRAFT LINER, AND NON-

AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS AND TRUCKS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
EC BRUSSELS 5249, 9/20.

5. LIBYA: TEMPORARY STALEMATE ON NATIONALIZATION

EMBASSY TRIPOLI REPORTS THAT THE MAJORS ARE SHIPPING
CRUDE AT A RAPID CLIP PENDING THE NEXT DEMAND FOR AN
NOC LOADING. THIS TEMPORARY STALEMATE IN IMPLEMENTATION
OF OIL NATIONALIZATION (WHICH FAVORS THE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES
IN LIBYA) IS NOT EXPECTED TO LAST MUCH LONGER. THE MAIN
REASON IT EXISTS AT ALL IS THAT THE LARG IS STILL SCRAMBLING
TO FIND MEANS TO OPERATE THE MAJORS' FIELDS AND PORTS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 1219, 9/20.

6. SAUDI ARABIA: REASSURANCES FROM PRINCE FAHD

SAUDI ARABIAN PRINCE FAHD REASSURED AMBASSADOR
THACHER (DURING FAREWELL CALL) THAT KING FAISAL'S
RECENT STATEMENTS WERE NOT AIMED AT WEAKENING TIES
WITH THE US, BUT WERE AIMED AT DEFLATING SOME OF THE
GREAT PRESSURES IN THE ARAB WORLD GENERATED BY ARAB
RADICALS AND ASSISTING PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS EFFORTS
TO EXPLAIN TO CONGRESS THE REALITIES OF THE MIDDLE
EAST SITUATION. THE PRINCE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO
CHANGES IN SAUDI OIL POLICY, BUT THE US SHOULD RECOGNIZE
THAT ITS LEADERSHIP IS NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE LONG
FESTERING MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. (SECRET) JIDDA 4067, 9/20.

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